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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Fajardo, K/Ruiloba, P ORIGINAL DATE 02/13/19  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 304

SHORT TITLE Digital Proof of Car Registration & Insurance SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Montoya

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY19	FY20	FY21	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	No Fiscal Implications					

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB391, SB107

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico Attorney General (NMAG)

#### Responses Not Received From

Taxation and Revenue Department (TRD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 304 amends the Motor Vehicle Code Section 66-3-13 NMSA 1978 to allow motorists the option of providing motor vehicle registration and financial responsibility electronically through the use of a cellular telephone or similar device.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Office of the Attorney General reports that New Mexico is the only state that does not explicitly permit a person to present proof of registration and insurance electronically. If enacted House Bill 304 would align New Mexico with nationwide practice.

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The Office of the Attorney General states that, the bill repeatedly uses phrasing “electronically through the use of a cellular telephone or similar device.” It may be worth considering employing broader, categorical language that accounts for future technologies through which a person may display registration and insurance. For example, the bill could state, “electronically through the use of a device capable of exhibiting a true and correct original or duplicate of registration evidence, such as a cellular telephone.”

If enacted House Bill 304 would be effective June 14, 2019.

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